Rain or snow today, with increasing northerly winds. Tomorrow probably

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# SEE BITTER FIGHT FOR "DRY" DISTRICT LIKELY TO PROTEST

ter on Prohibition for Washington.

SEEK TO EMBARRASS THEIR "WET" OPPONENTS

come Liquor People's Plans for Delay.

in Congress at this session which will and the aiming point of the anti-saloon forces is the District of Columbia. Although a nation-wide "dry" campaign the summer, reporting a modernized Hobson amend-

"If we get the District of Columbia dry at this session, we will not care so much about the constitutional amendment. That will surely come in

#### "Dry" District Immediate Goal.

In other words, the drys are working heart and soul in and around the Cap-National Capital, and if that day comes they will be able to hold up Washington as an example to the rest of the

ton as an example to the rest of the nation.

All of this means, also, that the members of Congress will be called on twice in this Congress, perhaps in this first session, to cast a record vote on that embarrassing wet and dry issue. However, this prediction should be read with proper value given to the "perhaps."

The best men in Congress have no hesitancy in saying that the issue will be twice voted on before next inauguration day, but there are many congressmen from dry states who will aid their brethren from mixed states by endeavoring to stave off a vote until after the next election. A vote on prohibition either way will ruin many a man politically just before election when everything tends to have weight in the political scale. After elections, a prohibition vote is soon forgotten.

To-Push Sheppard Bill.

The Sheppard Bill, introduced on the opening day of Congress, will be the measure for the District of Columbia, which will be pushed by the anti-saloon men. The Hobson amendment, practically in the same form as last Congress, is expected to be foreign relations committee. It was a distinguished company Present. It was a distinguished company which that the same sassigned to the foreign relations committee. It was a distinguished company which its most committee. It was a distinguished company which that the same sassigned to the foreign relations committee. It was a distinguished company which its most committee. It was a distinguished company which it is dearned, has assigned to the foreign relations committee. It was a distinguished company which it is dearned, has assigned to the foreign relations committee. One of the foreign relations committee. One and Burton. Senator Committees, it is gathered for half an hour's acquaintance is assigned to the foreign relations committee. The lations committees in the farmed, has assigned to the foreign relations committee. The lations committee in the farmed, has assigned to the foreign relations committee. The lations committee in the farmed, has assigned to

and pushed by some member who has not been named as yet, as far as the House is concerned. There is considerable secrecy about the House plans thus far, because one or two of the "dryest" men in the entire Congress have of not only trying to make the District of Columbia dry, but all the rest of the United States as well.

The dry people report that there is no hesitancy in the Senate on that score, and that there are several senators who appear willing to take the dry fight for the city and nation on their hands.

It is also reported that a part of the "dry" fight will be to take all partisan character out of the matter by having a republican and a democrat in both bodies introduce practically the same measure. Furthermore, it is reported that one of the republican senators will bill for the District which makes an exception of the em-bassies and legations, the wet spots in the National Capital thus being found only under the flags of foreign

### Mr. Webb to Lead Fight.

There is plenty of indication for saying that Representative Webb of North Carolina, chairman of the judiciary nation-wide prohibition movement in that end of the Capitol, although Mr Webb has made no such announcement. He has not introduced any bill or resolution, either; but it would be no sur-prise if he should do so. At any rate, the proposal to amend

#### Fight to Delay a Vote.

Assuming these predictions to be accurate as to time, the great fight will then be to keep a vote on the measure from being taken until after election.

Many a congressman will write in the size of the opinion, however, that there will be no difficulty about securing them when the time arrives.

The safe conducts were asked by Secthen be to keep a vote on the measure from being taken until after election. said there are some powerful "drys" in the House who will not be hurt by a vote for the amendment, but who will help their less fortunate brethren the Sheppard bill is taken up on both floors there will be a flood of amendments to be chewed over, and that take up many hours of time. However, there may be quicke ction on the Sheppard bill in the Dis quicker action on the Sheppard bill in the District committees. That is where the first skirmish will take place, and the "wets" are worried, while the "drys" are predicting a victory. One way or another, they are determined to enact legislation abolishing rum from the city of Washington—and, of course, it may be welded to an appropriation bill at the last moment.

Two-Thirds Vote Necessary. a prohibition amendment to the Constitution through Senate and House. It takes but a majority vote to make the District dry. In the last Converse and House the control of the reichstag. rakes but a majority vote to make the pistrict dry. In the last Congress the Hobson amendment was voted on, 197 for and 190 against; present, 1. That was sixty-one shy of the necessary two-thirds. The changed make-up of the House makes it impossible to predict figures for this Congress, and the changed Senate places the question there differently.

There are whispers in the "wet" ranks of a bulwark of strength for their side of the question being placed on the republican end of the House District committee. There is already an out-and-out "wet" representative Cary of Milwaukee, who seeks publicity as an uphand. It was the place of separation from her husand will fight them again.

Mrs. Hollis Obtains Separation.

CONCORD, N. H., December 11.—A the fought the "drys" last year and will fight them again.

But no matter which way the cat jumps, there is surely going to be a pattling good fight.

The much takeed-of camp of military instruction held at Plattaburg, N. Y., as summer, and the incidents growing that Dr. Liebknecht, because of certain of the reported that Dr. Liebknecht, because of certain of the reported that Dr. Liebknecht, because of certain of the reported that Dr. Liebknecht, because of certain of the droft and to place himself at the disposal of the open or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the opine who attended the camp and which a dozen or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the object of the dozen or so members of the object of the object

# FRIENDS OF KENYON TOPLINERS GUESTS

Anti-Saloon Forces Will Cen- Not Pleased by Refusal of As- President Wilson and Flock of signment on Foreign Relations Committee.

> STANDING ASSIGNMENTS TO BE MADE THIS WEEK.

List for Announcement-Congress Then to Get to Work.

Committees of Congress will be formally organized this week, preparatory were the alliterative themes running undoubtedly outdo all previous efforts; to the beginning of the real work of and the aiming point of the anti-saloon Congress, which, it is expected, will guests at the Gridiron Club's dinner at keep the legislators here until far into the New Willard last night, fanciful de

assignments to the standing commitment in the House, the hopes of the tees of that body will be submitted the memory of an evening of good intendry forces are best epitomized in the for approval. The House does not meet and fellowship. expression of an official of the Anti-saloon League:

until Tuesday. Minority Leader Mann expects to have the republican assignments to committees ready at that time. The democratic assignments have

#### Protest in Kenyon's Behalf.

hold a conference Monday morning, to and the national colors were unfurled to approve assignments to committees the air of "The Star Spangled Banner," made by the committee on committees. played by the Marine Band, every ma itol to drive King Alcohol from the Progressive republicans, it is said, will make a protest at that time because anthem.
of the defeat of Senator Kenyon of lowa for a place on the foreign relations committee.

Other Important Assignments.

Much interest centered also on assignments to the navat affairs com-mittee. Democrats have named Senators Pittman of Nevada and Phelan of California to vacancies on this com-

mittee. Other important committee assignments go to Senator Underwood of Alabama, who takes a place on the appropriations committee and chairmanship of the committee on Cuban relations, and to Senator Works of California, who succeeds Senator Root on the judiciary committee.

Democratic friends of Senator Un-derwood had urged a place for him on the finance committee, in view of his experience as former chairman of the House ways and means committee. Sen-ator Underwood urged them not to

# BOY-ED AND VON PAPEN TO GET SAFE CONDUCTS

committee, will be the leader of the State Department Makes Request of British and French

### Embassies.

The State Department announced late

Many a congressman will writhe in agony until he is assured that election day will have passed before the embarrassing roll call; and it has been said there are some newerful "drys".

The safe conducts were assault by the retary Lansing in compliance with a persondal request by Emperor William, made when notification of the recalls was transmitted to the State Department. Safe conducts for the successors.

will help their less fortunate brethren to stave off the evil day. Also, when the Sheppard bill is taken up on hoto partment does not expect them to perpartment does not expect them to per-form any official business of the em-bassy or to continue in any way the "improper activities in military and naval matters" which led the United States to ask that they be withdrawn,

#### DR. LIEBKNECHT AGAIN STIRS GERMAN ACTION

PARIS, December 11 .- The German military authorities have begun fresh proceedings against Dr. Karl Lieb-knecht, socialist member of the reichs-

# OF GRIDIRON CLUB

G. O. P. Rivals Attend Dinner.

BURLESQUE IS RELIEVED BY PATRIOTIC UNDERTONE

Believe They Will Be Able to Over- | Leader Mann Preparing Republican | Support of "Preparedness" a Feature of Entertainment Provided for Evening.

> signs upon a background of seriocsness When the Senate assembles tomorrow but so deftly woven as to unravel as fast as spun, leaving no tracery marring

> Yet it was far from being all froth and frivolity, for at one stage, when a patriotic keynote was struck, a wave of demonstration which lifted the proceed ures typifying "The Spirit of '76" march. The republicans of the Senate will ed through the hall with fife and drum in the hall was on his feet to swell the

#### Distinguished Company Present.

It was a distinguished company which

ting of light and color and floral decoration enveloped in evergreens.

Above the chair of the President of the United States was draped the President's official flag and on either side the flags of the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. The lights were extinguished and an immense electric gridiron above the head of Edgar C. Snyder, president of the Gridiron Club, glowed in incandescence, while the quartet sang a verse of welcome. President Snyder greeted the club's guests, fellcitously, the lights flashed on and the company were seated.

### Gridiron Club's Only Bule.

The one and only rule of the club present, reporters never present."
With this single inhibition in one sense and notice of license in another, the bridle was off for the evening.

"What is all that racket outside?" demanded President Snyder, pausing, as a terrific explosion and loud cries resounded from the ante-room.

"Oh, that's only the belligerent powers of Europe receiving Henry Ford's peace ship," was the explanation.

At Gridiron dinners the entertainment interlards the gastronomic feament interlards the gastronomic features, and if appetite and interest are normal, time does not have opprtunity to hang heavily. Something is hap-

to hang heavily. Something is happening every moment.
One of the unique incidents of the evening was a "survey" of some presidential "standing timber." Probably upon no other occasion has there ever gathered around one board so many men who at the time were in the limelight of the public as available candidates for the presidential nomination. The Gridiron Club was honored by the presence of no fewer than ten men whose names have been mentioned in this connection.

### Candidates Lined Up.

To introduce them President Snyder At any rate, the proposal to amend the Constitution in favor of a "dry" nation will go to his committee, and it is expected that within three months it will be out again with a favorable recommendation from a majority of the members. Then it will be on the House calendar. In the Senata a similar course will have been run with the nation-wide dry amendment there.

The State Department announced late yesterday that it had requested the perturbent announced late yesterday that it had requested the safe conduct for Capt. Boy-Ed and Capt. You Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches. Both embassies forwarded the State Department announced late yesterday that it had requested the series of the rostrum, where they stood in line—Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Pornose of Pennsylvania, and military attaches. Both embassies forwarded the State Department announced late yesterday that it had requested the series of the rostrum, where they stood in line—Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Pornose of Pennsylvania, and military attaches. Both embassies forwarded the State Department announced late yesterday that it had requested the series of the rostrum, where they stood in line—Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Pornose of Pennsylvania, and military attaches. Both embassies forwarded the State Department announced late yesterday that it had requested the series of the rostrum, where they stood in line—Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Pornose of Pennsylvania, Tennsylvania, Tennsyl of the rostrum, where they stood in von Papen, the recalled German naval and military attaches. Both embassies forwarded the State Deprtment's request to their foreign offices.

Secretary Lansing did not ask for safe conducts for the attaches' successors, because none have yet been named. He is of the opinion, however, that there will be no difficulty about securing them when the time arrives.

The safe conducts were asked by Secretary Lansing in compliance with a persondal request by Emperor William, persondal request

a bow to President Wilson, resumed their seats.

One man missing from the group? yes, but wait a minute; he is coming. Loud voices raised in mingled expostulation and entreaty attracted the attention of the company to two figures that had advanced from the dressing room in the confusion. One of them wore a black robe, such as is donned by the justices of the Supreme Court when on the bench. Hirsute adornment of chin and jaw gave him a most lifelike resemblance to Mr. Justice Hughes of New York.

### No Favorite Son for Him.

"I tell you I won't stand for it," cried this interloper. "I will not allow my name to be placed on the ballot in

"But you might be elected," was the suggestion of the other. "Do you realize," said the disguised one, with a gesture of despair, "what it means to be Nebraska's favorite son?" And with that he bolted, in-

continently.

The much talked-of camp of military instruction held at Plattsburg, N. Y., last summer, and the incidents growing



LEADING FEATURES OF THE DECEMBER DINNER OF THE GRIDIRON CLUB.

# PROTEST TO FRANCE IS BEING PREPARED

SACCHARINE

U. S. Takes Exception to Carolina, Coamo and San Juan Incidents.

A vigorous protest is being prepared by the State Department against the removal by the French cruiser Descartes of Germans and Austrians from amo and San Juan. The note will contend that removal of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the tion.

was a year ago in a protest to France in the case of August Piepenbrink, that the men removed were not embodied "in the armed forces of the enemy" in the sense of that term in established international law.

### Immunity on Neutral Ships.

The communication, it was under stood, probably will declare also that there is no justification for the removal of an enemy subject from a neutral vessel on the high seas bound to a neutral port, even if he could properly be regarded as a military person. The high authority, is back of the plan for Trent case during the civil war prob- a more centralized and consolidated Trent case during the civil war probmoned them to the space in front ably will be cited as a precedent. The State Department was not advised whether any of the Austrians or Germans seized had declared their intention of becoming American citizens.

### Statement of Department.

The facts in the case already at hand

shore by two shots across her bow, and the President. two Austrians and a German were taken off. It appears that other Germans in the crew with American citizenship papers were not molested. "The steamship San Juan, southbound, is reported to have been stopped northeast of Porto Rico, and two second-cabin passengers, William Guntherodt and Fritsch Lothar, Ger-man subjects, taken off ship."

### VICE PRESIDENT COMING.

## With Mrs. Marshall Will Arrive

#### THUS DO THEY VIEW FORD'S PEACE VOYAGE

EDINBURGH, December 11 .-"At this moment there is coming over a vessel fraught with peace," said the Earl of Rosebery, the former prime minister, in a speech here tonight. "It is propelled apparently by a gentlepropelled apparently by a gentle-man named Ford, who makes, I think, perambulators. He is com-ing over to pour oil on troubled waters at the inspiration of a Dr. Aked, of whom we know something here, and who by voice more potent than that of any mortal heard in this world, is going to call the soldiers from the trenches and bid the waves be still.

e still.
"The expedition will fail, but that the eighty passengers re-ceiving free passages may enjoy themselves and do no mischief is our earnest solicitation.

# PRESIDENT SUGGESTED **CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY**

Recommendations of Board of Commissioners Intended to Carry Out His Desires.

President Wilson, it is learned on form of government for the District of Columbia, as contemplated in several legislative changes recommended in the Commissioners' estimates now before Congress. Information on that point is being sought and should it develop that such is the case, the protest may be even the transfer of the appointment of the The specific changes sought-such as

board of education and the abolish-

vestment in the Commissioners of the The facts in the case already at hand were summed up in this statement, issued by the department late yesterday:

The department has received reports from the collector of customs at San Juan, Porto Rico, indicating that three ships of the New York and Porto Rico line have been stopped on the high seas and searched by the French cruiser Descartes. The steamship Carolina, northbound, was stopped six miles off san Juan and the German chief steward named Schade, was taken off by the boarding officer.

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The facts in the case already at hand were summed by the President has been impressed by the President has been impressed by the lack of centralization of authority in the administrative machinery. Several months ago he told the board of Commissioners that he thought steps should be taken to remedy this condition. It is understood that he did not suggest what changes he thought should be made, but left the working out of details to them.

Since then the Commissioners have made a careful study of the situation. It is their belief that the new legislation for the explaination was satisfaction recommended in the estimates will accomplish the reform desired by the President.

As the charge having called at the State Department to explain how the eam to write a letter to the Austria row-Hungarian consul general at New York, early in the war, suggesting that passports of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian reservists in this country. The letter was published yesteral months ago he told the board of Commissioners that he thought steps of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian consul general at New York, early in the war, suggestions made to the board of Commissioners that he thought steps of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian consul general at New York, early in the war, suggestions made to the board of Commissioners that the State Department to explain the theads the State Department to explain the theads the State Department to explain

the President.

As the changes proposed have a direct bearing on expenditures, the Commissioners felt that the proper place to submit them was in the estimates. But plans already are being made to incorporate the recommendations in separate bills which will be transmitted to Congress as a safeguard in event the legislation sought is not made a part of the next District appropriation act.

## COST OF SUFFRAGE CONTEST. Opposing Forces in Massachusetts

Expend Total of \$151,000. BOSTON, December 11.-The sum of \$151,000 was expended by the opposing forces in the recent woman suffrage campaign in Massachusetts, according to a statement of expenses filed by the anti-suffrage committee today.

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The advocates of suffrage had already reported expenditures of \$87,000, while the anti-suffragists announced today that they had spent \$64,000 in defeating the suffrage amendment.

# ROW WITH AUSTRIA STILL THREATENS

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

MEST DR"WILSON

## Nothing Develops to Relieve Possibility of Diplomatic Rupture.

No developments alleviate the serious situation that threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary Word that the American note on the west of Doiran, their retreat to their

sinking of the Ralian liner Ancona, new positions being effected without with loss of American lives, has reached the Vienna foreign office Friday leads to the belief that the question will resolve itself one way or the other

#### without delay. Demands Most Positive.

The communication is understood to ask disavowal of the act of the Austrian submarine which sank the liner, punishment of the submarine's commander and reparation for the American lives lost. It has been clearly indicated that the United States expects

It was said the talk merely was incidental, the charge having called at the State Department to explain how

read the note to Austria view the situa-tion as serious. The opinion prevails as strongly as ever that diplomatic rela-tions are in danger of being broken off unless Vienna complies immediately with the American demands.

# 1<sub>.</sub>000 PERSONS INJURED IN POWDER EXPLOSION

Belgian Munitions Factories at Havre Destroyed by Mighty Blast.

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Big Coal Breaker Burned.

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PARIS, December 11.—The munitions

# **ALLIED FORCES TO FIGHT** TO FINISH IN BALKANS, WAR COUNCIL DECIDES

French and British Continue Their Retreat Toward the Grecian Boundary Line.

# RUSSIANS HASTILY MASS TROOPS UPON THE RUMANIAN FRONTIER

Bulgarian Attacks Against Enemy on Both Banks of the Vardar Are Redoubled in Intensity—Grecian **Demobilization Reported Ordered.** 

LONDON, December 11.-The entente allies, notwithstanding the Teutonic sweep through Serbia and their recent retreat to a line near the Greek border under Bulgarian pressure, are not going to abandon their campaign in the Balkans.

This decision, Paris dispatches state, was reached at the war conference that has been in progress in Paris for the past day or two between Premier Briand and Gen. Gallieni, the French war minister, and Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener, the British foreign and war secretaries, respectively.

Although it is semi-officially stated that the British and French troops are being withdrawn from Serbia, the conferees approved the maintenance of French and British troops at Saloniki. Measures of a military nature have been taken to insure the security of the expeditionary force, it is declared, and when conditions seem to indicate that the time is ripe the offensive will be assumed with adequate forces.

Co-incidentally comes the report from Athens that Greece has made all arrangements for demobilization and that a decree to effect it is expected to be issued shortly. One of the allied demands upon Greece has been for demobilization of the Greek armies, but King Constantine has declared he would not consent to this step unless compelled to do so by coercive measures.

Bulgarians.

Word comes from Berlin that there are indications of a hurried concentration of Russian troops along the Rumanian border. The Russians are remanian border. The Russians are re-ported to be erecting large munitions depots along the Danube, near the delta, while 10,000 Russian troops are said to be building a railroad from Reni on the Danube thirty miles east-

### Bulgars Continue Attacks.

"Simultaneous attacks from the of the principles involved, it is said, such as was conducted with Germany after the Lusitania tragedy.

A copy of the Ancona note, which will be given out for publication tomorrow morning, was handed to Baron Zwiedinek, charge of the Austrian embassy here, by Secretary Lansing. It is understood they discussed the situation briefly and informally.

Baron Zwiedinek Fermion and the east, on both banks of the Vardar, by four Bulgarian divisions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. The enemy directed his efforts especially to the attack on the east.

'The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great difficulty. To the north the French for evacuated Gradec, Strumitza station, of which the bridge was destroyed, and the village of Navidovo, and construct of the struming of the vardar, by four Bulgarian divisions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great difficulty. To the north the French for evacuated Gradec, Strumitza station, of which the bridge was destroyed, and the east, on both banks of the visions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great of the visions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great of the visions against the allied troops redoubled in violence on December 9 and 10," says a Saloniki dispatch to the Temps. The retreat of the allies to their new positions was effected without great of the variation of the visions against the allied troops redoubled in visions against the allied troops redoubled in visions against the allied troops redoubled in visions against the allied troops r Vardar and its tributaries, the Petrovska and the Bojimia. Here the enemy was stopped.

### Situation to the West.

"To the west the allies are holding the enemy on the Petrovska between

Position of the Allied Troops.

Saloniki dispatches declare that the allied forces are still holding a line in Serbia crossing the Vardar river to the west of Doiran, their retreat to their new positions being effected without great difficulty. Advices from German sources, on the contrary, have been that the retreat was greatly harried by the River Bojimia, the left tributary of the Vardar, the villages of Dedeli, Causti and Doiran, the last on the southern bank of the lake of that name. The allied troops are grouped solidly in the region where the Vardar crosses from the north to the south in the region near the bend of the Vardar between the Bojimia confluent and the city of Gieveli on the Greek-Bulgarians.

#### Serbian frontier.' French Get Reinforcements.

PARIS, December 11 .- A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens states that reports from Saloniki are to the effect that the Bulgarians, reinforced by the army of Gen. Boyadjieff, occupled a part of the passages of Demir-Kapu. A battle yesterday on the Rapu. A pattle yesterday on the Strumitza front between the Bulgarians and British, the latter of whom received reinforcements with heavy artillery, continued all day without significant results. In the meantime the British are preparing a new line of defense in proximity to the Greek frontier. frontier.

Before leaving Demir-Kapu the French destroyed a tunnel and a bridge over the Vardar river. French reinforcements continue to arrive at Sa-

## No Time Will Be Lost.

"The allies have made the decision to ramein at Saloniki and tosend sufficient forces to resume the offensive under favorable conditions," says the Paris Temps. "The decision is final. It remains to be executed without further

tro-Hungarian consul general at New York, early in the war, suggesting that passports of neutral countries be purchased for Austrian reservists in this country. The letter was published yesterday. A photographic copy was delivered to Secretary Lansing by a newspaper.

Baron Zwiedinek explained that when he wrote the letter he was a subordinate official of the embassy, then in charge of Dr. Constantin Dumba, since recalled. It could not be ascertained

## GREECE TO MEET DEMANDS OF ALLIES, DIPLOMATS THINK

LONDON, December 11.—It is be- with the decision whether important LONDON, December 11.—It is be it the decision whether important in the decision whether important that Greece has decided to accede to the demands of the entente powers that demands of the entente powers relative to the situation of the expeditionary force at Saloniki. It is underthe fleet, will be sufficient. relative to the situation of the expeditionary force at Saloniki. It is understood that part of the Greek troops quartered there will be sent away, so as not to hinder measures to be taken y the Franco-British forces to put

aloniki in a state of defense.
"The questions at issue between Greece and the entente powers may be divided into two categories," says Reu ter's Athens correspondent in a dispatch filed last night.

"The first question, of a purely military character and demanding urgently solution, concerns defensive and other measures entailed by the retreat, now unavoidable, of the allies into Greek

### BRYAN CITED BY COURT.

Must Show Cause Why He Should Not Be Adjudged in Contempt.

NEW YORK, December 11.-William Jennings Bryan, former Secretary of State, in an order signed by Supreme court Justice Whitaker today, was de clared in default for failure to answer summons to appear as a witness in the it for alleged libel brought by Petros Tatanis against D. J. Vlasto and S. J.

Viasto.

The court also issued an order requiring Mr. Bryan to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of court. This was made returnable Decem-